

# The Goodwill Messenger

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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

Hattie Fuller has announced this will be her last year organizing Fuller's Follies, this year on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7 PM. at the church. The annual Follies benefit has raised many thousands of dollars for the Hilltown Food Pantry. The Follies always offers laughter and a great range of wonderful music, and Hattie is always the star (which makes it easier for the performers to relax and have fun!).

A week earlier, the church hosts another benefit to assist efforts on behalf of refugees related to the Syria war zone. This "Soup for Syria" potluck and discussion takes place Sunday, Oct. 4 at 6 PM (bring side-dish, dessert; soup & beverages will be provided). It is co-sponsored by the Creamery along with the Village, West Cummington and Plainfield Congregational churches.

Come chip in, buy the *Soup for Syria* cookbook, share the concern, or sing the "hills are alive" with Hattie: it is all to the benefit.

In faith and service,

—Rev. Jon

## October At the Village Church

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Minister in Office, 4–5:30 PM,

Yoga 4:00–5:30 PM, Silent Meditation 5:45–6:15 PM

October 2, 7–10 PM—Tour of the Autumn Night Sky with Ron & Jon. October 3, 7 PM—cloud date.

October 4—Service 10 AM, Our Historic Place

October 4—Potluck, *Soup for Syria Cookbook* sale and discussion. 6 PM.

October 10—Fuller's Follies! 7 PM at the VC. No Friday Night Café this week.

October 16—3rd Friday music jam. 7–10 PM.

October 18—Service 10 AM, The Beads of Life

October 23—Friday Night Café, 7–9 PM. Jack Swindlehurst plays.

October 31—6 o'clock—Halloween Parade on Main Street.

November 1—Service 10 AM. Samhain/All Saints observance with Sarah Stockwell-Arthen.

For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Susan Riley at 634-8055, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041 or Pat Keith 634-5084 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 634-5084. The church charges a very nominal fee to cover upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

## Ministry Hours and Peaceful Thursdays

From Rev. Jon: most Thursdays I am in Cummington, at least in the late afternoon and am happy to schedule appointments. Tuesday afternoon is also a time in addition to 1st & 3rd Sundays after lunch when I can often make in-person appointments. I am also glad to talk by phone, and please do call, 413-624-3025, and leave a message in emergencies or if you seek 24-hour turnaround. I do not check email every day.

Thursdays at 4ish you can find me at our lovely church. This fall/winter, Darlene Graham and I again invite you to sow awareness and peace into your approach to the weekend with these body-mind exercises: Yoga 4:00–5:30 PM and silent Meditation, 5:45–6:15 PM

## Soup for Syria Cookbook Sale, Potluck, and Discussion

An evening for enjoying soup (provided with beverages; bring a side dish, bread, or dessert) discussing the migration/refugee crisis, and supporting the relief work. Co-sponsored by the Creamery, West Cummington and Plainfield Congregational churches. October 4, at 6 PM.

## The 13th Annual Fuller's Follies!

In place of Friday Nite Café that week, this benefit for the Hilltown Food Pantry features diverse musicians from across the area. Hattie Fuller has announced this is her final year of organizing this terrific, fun event.

It's on October 10, at 7 PM.

Please come and honor Hattie for her hard work on this amazing show all these years!

## Bell Ringing

Note to Main Street/Back Street neighbors: on Thursdays most weeks at 6:30 PM, I will be ringing the church bell for a couple of minutes. From Darlene Graham and me and in appreciation of the beautiful ring to this bell, it is meant to wish all a peaceful and mindful entry into the weekend. If you would like to ring the bell, stop on by! —Rev. Jon



## From the Librarian's Desk

It's been awhile since I listed some of our newer acquisitions, so here are a few of the items that you can enjoy at your leisure:

Among our new fiction is *The Green Road* by Anne Enright; *Dinner With Buddha* by Roland Merullo; *The Girl On The Train* by Paula Hawkins; *Piranha* by Clive Cussler; *At The Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen; *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro; *X* by Sue Grafton; *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr; *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee; *Make Me* by Lee Child; *The Nature Of The Beast* by Louise Penny; *The Nightingale* by Krstin Hannah; and *Circling The Sun* by Paula McClain.

A few of our non-fiction titles are *H Is For Hawk* by Helen MacDonald; *Gobekli Tepe: Genesis Of The Gods* by Andrew Collins; and *A Burmese Heart* by Tinsa Maw-Naing.

In the DVD department we've got the first four seasons of *Game Of Thrones*, along with full seasons of *Seinfeld*, *Friends*, *Taxi*, and *Da Ali G Show*.

See you at the library!

—Mark

## Jazz at the Friday Night Cafe

On September 25, Dave Barley and friends Fran Curly Aaron Dean and Dave Christopolis played an evening of luminous jazz at the Café. Bluesy and swinging, they entertained a small but enthusiastic crowd. Really people, come hear these guys next time they are around. It was a great show.



Dave Bartley, Fran Curly, Aaron Dean and Dave Christopolis

## Big Show for CD Party

On September 11, John Bye and Peg Cowen entertained a crowd of about 60 people for their CD release party at the Friday Night Café. John and Peg sounded wonderful and they were joined a couple times by friends Keith Orcutt, on harmonica, and Nate Treloar on guitar. It would be hard to imagine a better evening out in Cummington.

Asked for their feelings about the evening, John and Peg responded:

First, we were so touched by the turnout. It was what we imagined in our most optimistic fantasy. The whole music thing started out as a lark, but has turned into something so much more, which we never saw coming. The music or CD don't particularly matter in and of themselves, what matters is the way it has allowed us to connect with people: the people we get to play with (there is a reason it is called "playing" music), and the people we get to play for. Yes, it is fun, but the deeper part is that we get to give, and in the giving we receive.

It is very probable that none of this would have happened if Pat Keith had not encouraged us to come play a few songs at the cafe a couple of years ago. That would not have happened if the Village Church had not embraced music as a force for bringing people together, and begun the café as a place for that to happen. So what happened for us last night traces directly back to Pat and everyone else who had a hand in charting VC's course. So, we just want to thank you all for everything you have done.

—John and Peg



John Bye and Peg Cowen

## October at FRIDAY NIGHT CAFÉ

10/10 Fuller's Follies

(Special Saturday Event!)

Great lineup of local talent to support the Food Pantry!

10/16 Jam - Every 3rd Fri. 7-10 PM

Bring an instrument and a song or just come and listen.  
All levels welcome.

Info: Call John or Peg 634-5398

10/23 Jack Swindlehurst—Songs of love and life!

Check out the Friday night Café web page at <http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html> and the Village Church at [cummingtonvillagechurch.org](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org)



Keith Orcutt, John Bye, Nate Treloar and Peg Cowan



## Hazardous Waste Day 2015

There will be a hazardous Waste Day on October 31, 2015. Waste should be taken to the Westhampton DPW on Hathaway Road in Westhampton.

Items Accepted: Paint, Oil, Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, etc

If you want to participate register and receive a participation form from HRMC. Call 413-685-5498 or e-mail to [hrcm@hrcm-ma.org](mailto:hrcm@hrcm-ma.org)

Complete details will be available at the Cummington Transfer Station on Fairgrounds Road.

## Talk by Jane C. Nylander at William Cullen Bryant Homestead

At the William Cullen Bryant Homestead on Sunday, October 4 at 2:30 PM, Jane C. Nylander, President Emerita of Historic New England, will give a talk "All the world is but the pupil and disciple of female influence." Ms. Nylander is the author of "Our Own Snug Fireside", about home life in early New England. The title for her talk is taken from Sarah Snell Bryant's diary entry for New Year's Day, 1833. Ms. Nylander will talk about details of Mrs. Bryant's everyday life in Cummington during the years 1794-1835.

Tours of the Homestead will be available starting at noon.

Admission: Trustee members, \$5; non-members \$10

William Cullen Bryant Homestead

207 Bryant Rd., Cummington

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## Ashfield Fall Festival

The 2015 Ashfield Fall Festival will take place up and down Ashfield's Main Street on October 10-11, from 10 AM to 5 PM on both days—rain or shine. The annual festival offers craft and art exhibits by more than 50 exhibitors and much more. Admission is free. Parking is available in lots east of the town center on Route 116 (attendants collect donations for the Ashfield Citizens' Scholarship Fund).

## If you didn't see this in the COA Newsletter...

It's that time of year again! If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO), you should receive a notice from your plan by the end of September. That notice outlines changes to be made to your plan for 2016—it is important to review, understand and save this information!

During Medicare Open Enrollment, from October 15th to December 7th, you will be able to change your plan for next year. If you would like help understanding your upcoming changes and options, a trained SHINE counselor is available to offer FREE and CONFIDENTIAL counseling on all Medicare and related health insurance programs. Learn more about how SHINE can help you: call your local senior center now! The Cummington Council on Aging number is 413-634-2262. Office hours are Wednesday and Friday, 9 AM-12.

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

—Elizabeth Lawrence

## Lunch Bunch

Cummington Ladies Lunch Bunch will be making their foliage trip on Oct. 14 when they will go to Ozzie's in Hinsdale, MA. for lunch. Carpooling will leave the Village Church at noon.

Contact Edith for more info @ 634-5557.

## Artist Show Opening

The work of watercolorist Barbara Konieczny will be on view at the Plainfield Public Library. The opening will be on October 1, 2015 from 6-8 PM. Everyone is welcome.

## Wisteria Chamber Music

We are pleased to announce forthcoming concerts by artists long associated with Wistaria Chamber Music Society. Both include music that pays tribute to the glories of nature.

### PROGRAM ONE

A WALK AND BENEFIT CONCERT for the Mahican-Mohawk Recreation Trail!

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015, 10 AM—THE WALK

Interpretive big tree walk along the Mahican-Mohawk Recreation Trail, Mohawk Trail State Forest, with Bob Leverett, nationally known old-growth forest researcher. Meet at MTSF Headquarters. (Turn into main entrance from Rte. 2, cross the Cold River, and make immediate left turn. Drive to headquarters parking lot.)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015, 7-9 PM

7 PM—Talks by Bob Leverett, Lauren Stevens, and Polly Bartlett.

8 PM—Concert: "Musical Visions of Nature," with Ms. Jakuc Leverett, Peter W. Shea, tenor, and others.

PLAINFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Plainfield, MA.

Suggested donations: \$25 per person for talk and concert; \$15 for walk. Less is OK, more is welcome. Cosponsored by Friends of Mohawk Trail State Forest and the Franklin Land Trust. If you have questions, call 413-584-3017.

### PROGRAM TWO

A RECITAL OF SONGS BY FRANZ SCHUBERT

David Perkins, baritone • David Kramer, piano

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, 4-6 PM

Common House, Pathways Cohousing Community, Mountain Laurel Path, Florence, MA. 5 PM, Reception.

The concert is free. Donations welcome for the benefit of the Wistaria Chamber Music Society.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015, 3-4 PM

Plainfield Congregational Church, Main Street, Plainfield, MA. Free. Suggested donation.

For more information, call 413-634-5716. Or visit our website [www.wistariachambermusic.com](http://www.wistariachambermusic.com), or:

<https://www.facebook.com/WistariaChamberMusic>

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the November issue is October 26, 2015. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at [mrblouz@verizon.net](mailto:mrblouz@verizon.net) or Pat at [patakeith@gmail.com](mailto:patakeith@gmail.com), mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entryway of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.

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*Schedule of Ongoing Events – all at the Community House unless specified*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Finance Office (Tax Collector, Treas., Acct.) open 6–7 PM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Transfer Station open 7–11 AM
Veterans Agent 9–11 AM	Board of Health 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. 7 PM (2nd floor)	Council on Aging Office Hours 9–noon (C.H. Annex)	Town Clerk 6–7:30 PM (2nd floor)	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Bryant Library open 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
Assessor Office Hours 9:30–11:30 AM (upstairs in C.H.)		Bryant Library open 6–9 PM	Selectboard meets 7 PM		
Bryant Library open 6–9 PM		Transfer Station open 5:30–7:30 PM	Building Inspector 7–9 PM (upstairs in C. H.)		
		Planning Board 2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM	Board of Assessors meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 6–8 PM		

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